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TO: W. P. Stuart
FROM: John Severance

POST OFFICE

St. Joseph, Mo. Dec 31st 187 5

Dear Sir,

By direction of the Postmaster General, I am instructed to inform the General Manger of the Road who Executed the Contract, for carrying the Mails, on behalf of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Rail Road Company, that when a Contract is executed by any other Officer than the President, proof of the authority of such officer to contract for the Company must be forwarded to the Department.

Will you have the kindness to inform the General Manager of this fact so that he may present without delay the necessary proof.

The Contract as it is now, is considered by the Department as imperfectly executed.

Respectfully, &c.,

J. Severance /M
Post Master

W. P. Stuart, Esq.
?Gen Agt.
H. & St. Jo R.R. Co.

[The above is followed by this pencilled note:]

Mr. R. S. Stevens
Genl Manager
This to you Dec 31st
Yours Resp

W. P. Stuart

¹FROM: Book of Letters to R.S.S. from 8-1875 to 1-1876.